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Via Federal Express

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Response to Special Notice Letter for the South Dayton Dump & Landfill Site in
Moraine, Ohio (dated January 16, 2015)

Dear Ms. Patterson:

On behalf of Monsanto Company and Pharmacia LLC¹ ("the Companies"), I am responding to the above-referenced special notice letter.² Despite repeated and diligent record searches, we have located no information suggesting that the Companies arranged for disposal of CERCLA hazardous substances at the South Dayton Dump & Landfill Site (the "Site") which could give rise to liability under CERCLA.

Accordingly, the Companies respectfully decline to negotiate a consent order to perform a remedial investigation and feasibility study for the site or to reimburse USEPA for its past costs related to the Site. We remain open, however, to revisiting our decision in light of new relevant information. If USEPA locates information evidencing a CERCLA nexus between the Site and either of the Companies, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

¹ The Companies' February 21, 2006 response to USEPA's General Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information and the Companies' September 26, 2012 response to USEPA's General Notice of Potential Liability (incorporated by reference here) describe the corporate history and relationships relevant to this matter. On November 30, 2012, Pharmacia Corporation was converted to a limited liability company and changed its name to Pharmacia LLC.

² By email on February 11, 2015, Thomas Nash of USEPA confirmed that the Companies could have until March 17, 2015, to respond to this Notice.

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Very truly yours,



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